

House Resolution 643

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Richardson of the 19th, Porter of the 143rd, Floyd of the 99th, Heard of the 104th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ashley Smith and inviting her to appear before the House of Representatives;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in March, 2005, Ashley Smith was placed in an untenable and frightening
4 situation the likes of which is only imagined in one's worst fears; and

5 WHEREAS, with unbelievable composure and courage, she remarkably accomplished what
6 many would not have been able to in harmonizing a peaceful end to a grim situation; and

7 WHEREAS, she displayed extraordinary calm and self-possession, resisted panic, and found
8 inner strength through reliance on her deep spiritual beliefs to guide and uphold her in this
9 time of need and potential hopelessness; and

10 WHEREAS, she believed that there was a life purpose for her which has undoubtedly
11 culminated in these pivotal circumstances and the manner in which she chose to handle them,
12 her actions likely preventing further harm to others; and

13 WHEREAS, her own captor, to whom she extended merciful kindness, told her she was "an
14 angel sent from God" to him; and

15 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state owe Ashley Smith a debt of gratitude and it is
16 abundantly fitting and proper that her strength of spirit be recognized appropriately.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend Ashley Smith upon her unparalleled display of courage
19 and fortitude.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Ashley Smith is invited to appear before the House
- 2 of Representatives for the purposes of being recognized by the House and to receive an
- 3 appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.